

General Douglas MacArthur

VISITS THE
NEW YORK WORLD'S FAIR

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General Douglas MacArthur arrives at the Administration Building greeted by General William Potter, Fair executive vice president, and part of the Fair office staff.



Warmly applauded by Fair personnel General MacArthur proceeds to ...



... the model room where he is briefed on Fair progress and presented with an official medallion by Thomas J. Deegan, Jr., chairman of the Executive Committee. Also present are Martin Stone (rear); Stuart Constable; MacArthur's former aide, Major General Courtney Whitney; General Potter and Governor Charles Poletti.

The New York World's Fair will revive the lagging patriotic spirit that has long been missing. America needs this shot-in-the-arm. If this is pulled off in grand style it will be tremendous. It will be an inspiration to all the people of our country and the world. It will give the whole country an uplift.

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May 9, 1963 was General MacArthur's "Day at the Fair," as he arrived for an informal visit, escorted by his former aide, Major General Courtney Whitney.

The first stop on the General's tour of the Fair was the scale model room in the Administration Building where he was briefed on exhibitor plans and construction progress by General William Potter, Fair executive vice president.

During the briefing, the military leader heard comments on the Fair by Thomas J. Deegan, Jr., chairman of the Executive Committee; Governor Charles Poletti, vice president for International Affairs and Exhibits; Martin Stone, director of the Industrial Section; and Stuart Constable, Operations vice president.

Mr. Deegan presented an official Fair medallion to the General, who, in accepting it said that it would occupy a place of prominence in his home.

Afterwards, the General's party inspected the Fairgrounds and noted how far along some of the exhibitors had progressed towards completion of their pavilions. On seeing the Hong Kong Pavilion, General MacArthur remarked that the authenticity of this exhibit will make it one of the most striking features in the International Area.

When General MacArthur was informed that there would be 70,000,000 Fair visitors during the two six-month operating seasons, he said, "I venture that you have grossly underestimated your figures."

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